

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (original) In a communication device operating in a group communication network, a method for putting the communication device into a dormant mode, the method comprising:

determining whether the communication device has been inactive for a predetermined time period; and

causing the communication device to enter the dormant mode if it is determined that the communication device has been inactive for the predetermined time period.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 further including:

maintaining sufficient connection for the communication device for sending an out-of-dormant request.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication device may ignore a go-dormant order.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, further including:

informing each participating communication device in the network that the net is put in the dormant mode.

5. (original) In a communication device operating in a group communication network, a method for putting the communication device into a dormant mode, the method comprising:

receiving a command to enter a dormant mode; and

releasing a traffic channel associated with the communication device in response to the command.

6. (original) The method of claim 5 further including:

maintaining sufficient connection for the communication device for sending an out-of-dormant request.

7. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein the communication device may ignore a go-dormant order.

8. (original) The method of claim 5, further including:
informing each participating communication device in the network that the net is put in the dormant mode.

9. (original) In a communication device operating in a group communication network, a method for bringing the communication device out of a dormant mode, comprising:
receiving a floor-control request; and
bringing the communication device out of the dormant mode if the request is granted.

10. (original) In a communication device operating in a group communication network, a computer-readable medium embodying a method for putting the communication device into a dormant mode, the method comprising:

determining whether the communication device has been inactive for a predetermined time period; and

causing the communication device to enter the dormant mode if it is determined that the communication device has been inactive for the predetermined time period.

11. (original) In a communication device operating in a group communication network, a computer-readable medium embodying a method putting the communication device into a dormant mode, the method comprising:

receiving a command to enter a dormant mode; and
releasing a traffic channel associated with the communication device in response to the command.

12. (original) In a communication device operating in a group communication network, a computer-readable medium embodying a method for bringing the communication device out of a dormant mode, comprising:

receiving a floor-control request; and
bringing the communication device out of the dormant mode if the request is granted.

13. (original) A communication device for providing a dormant mode, comprising:
means for receiving a floor-control request; and
means for bringing the communication device out of the dormant mode if the request is granted.

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14. (original) A communication device for providing a dormant mode, comprising:
means for determining whether the communication device has been inactive for a predetermined time period; and
means for causing the communication device to enter the dormant mode if it is determined that the communication device has been inactive for the predetermined time period.

15. (original) A communication device for providing a dormant mode, comprising:
means for receiving a command to enter a dormant mode; and
means for releasing a traffic channel associated with the communication device in response to the command.

16. (original) A communication device for providing a dormant mode, comprising:
a receiver to receive information over the network;
a transmitter to transmit information over the network; and
a processor communicatively coupled to the receiver and the transmitter, the processor being capable of:

determining whether the communication device has been inactive for a predetermined time period; and
causing the communication device to enter the dormant mode if it is determined that the communication device has been inactive for the predetermined time period.

17. (original) A communication device for providing a dormant mode, comprising:
a receiver to receive information over the network;

a transmitter to transmit information over the network; and
a processor communicatively coupled to the receiver and the transmitter, the processor
being capable of:
receiving a command to enter a dormant mode; and
releasing a traffic channel associated with the communication device in response to the
command.

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18. (original) A communication device for providing a dormant mode, comprising:
a receiver to receive information over the network;
a transmitter to transmit information over the network; and
a processor communicatively coupled to the receiver and the transmitter, the processor
being capable of:
receiving a floor-control request; and
bringing the communication device out of the dormant mode if the request is granted.